

283—16.6(261) Determination of programs of study aligned with high-demand jobs.

16.6(1) *High-demand jobs.* The commission will utilize the department of workforce development's most recent list of statewide high-demand jobs pursuant to Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14) and align those jobs to eligible programs of study.

16.6(2) *Eligible programs of study.* The eligible institution will offer a baccalaureate degree that is aligned with a high-demand job. The classification of instructional program code and the standard occupation code will be used to align eligible programs of study to high-demand jobs.

16.6(3) *Designation.* Eligible institutions will designate the eligible programs of study offered in the corresponding academic year.

16.6(4) *Approved program.* Before an eligible program of study is considered an approved program of study, the department of workforce development and the commission will jointly certify that the program of study is aligned with a high-demand job pursuant to Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14).

16.6(5) *Grandfather clause.* If the state workforce development board removes a high-demand job from a list created pursuant to Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14), an eligible applicant who received an award in a program of study aligned with that high-demand job will continue to receive the award as long as the eligible applicant continues to meet all other eligibility criteria.

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